

Xeriscaping refers to gardening or landscaping that reduces or eliminates the need of supplemental irrigation. With shifting climate patterns, xeriscaping is an excellent way to ensure that life will thrive through all conditions in your garden.

Why should I xeriscape?

Xeriscaping can eliminate the need for watering your yard and garden – no more sweating a brown lawn during the summer months! With our wet climate, these plants can sustain themselves without the need of your watering can. Not only does this lower your gardening time, your water bill will also thank you.

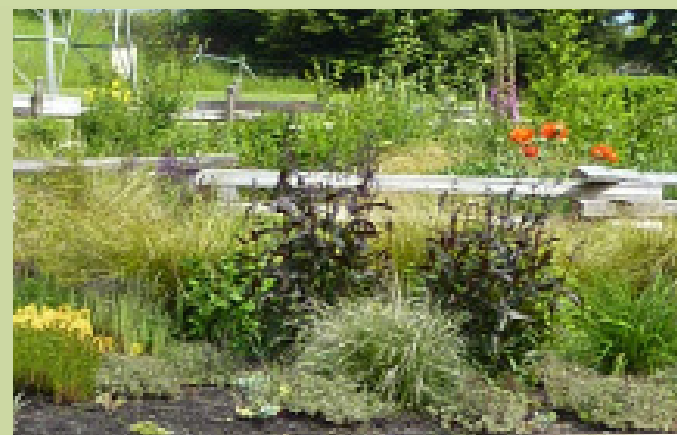


Are cacti and grasses the only plants for xeriscaping?

There are countless options for xeriscape plants. Anything from chokecherries, which make a delicious jam, to different flowering bushes and vines are options. Don't be afraid to try something new!

What are the benefits of a raised planter in a xeriscape?

Raised planter boxes are a great way to group plants based on water need. By placing your water-independent plants away from their more hydrophilic counterparts, you simplify your gardening and save time. The raised planters also provide accessibility to the elderly and disabled, allowing them to enjoy the plants we all love.



## Naturally Beautiful Backyards

Environmental Services' Naturally Beautiful Backyards (NBB) program promotes the creation of healthy and productive ecosystems in residential yards and gardens by providing education on earth-friendly gardening techniques. Using earth-friendly gardening techniques can greatly reduce the use of synthetic chemicals, increase beneficial organism activity, enhance habitat and wildlife areas, and contribute to the overall health of the community.

The NBB Program promotes six primary earth-friendly gardening techniques:

- Tolerate minimal damage from pests.
- Build and maintain healthy soil.
- Use chemicals as a last resort.
- Use native plants when possible.
- Attract Beneficial Insects.
- Conserve water.

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## Natural Gardens at Pacific Park



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## Species List:

- Bellflower  
*campanula*
- Creeping Thyme  
*Thymus praecox*  
'Albiflorus'
- Daylilly  
*daylilly*
- Dianthus  
*dianthus*
- Donkey Tail  
*Sedum reflexum*  
'Angelina'
- Spurge  
*Euphorbia*
- Geranium  
*Geranium*
- Grass  
*Carex dipsacea*
- Hens and Chicks  
*Sempervivum tectorum*
- Hens and Chicks  
*Sempervivum* 'Silverine'
- Lavener Cotton  
*Santolina incana* 'Nana'
- Beardtongue  
*Penstemon*
- Basket of Gold  
*Alyssum saxatile*  
'Basket of Gold'
- Pinks  
*Dianthus*
- Goldenrod  
*Solidago*
- Variegated Mondo Grass  
*Ophiopogon japonicus*  
'Variegata'
- Veronica-creeping  
*Veronica rupestris*  
'Heavenly Blue'
- Penstemon  
*Penstemon* 'Husker's Red'
- Japanese Anemone  
*Anemone japonica*
- Red Hot Poker  
*Knipophia*
- Lavender  
*Lavandula angustifolia*  
'Hidcote'
- Creeping Jenny  
*Lysimachia* 'Jenny's Gold'
- Pearly Everlasting  
*Anaphalis margaritacea*
- Russian Sage  
*Perovskia atriplicifolia*
- Sedum  
*Sedum reflexum*  
'Blue Spruce'
- Sedum  
*Sedum seboldii*  
*mediovariegata*
- Sedum  
*Sedum divergens*
- Sedum  
*Sedum kamtschaticum*  
'Variegatum'
- Shasta daisy  
*Leucanthemum*
- Variegated Sedum  
*Sedum kamtschaticum*  
'Variegatum'
- Succulent  
*Sedum seboldii*  
*mediovariegata*
- Thyme  
*Thymus* 'Silver Edge'
- Yarrow  
*Achillea millefolium*
- Lamb's Ear  
*Stachys*

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